



# Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

May 23, 2000

Mr. Jacob Lonetree  
President  
Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Dear Mr. Lonetree,

I am writing to you to initiate consultation with your tribe under the revised guidelines of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 concerning proposed improvements to U.S. 20 in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, Illinois. Various sections of the U.S. 20 project have been in planning and construction stages for over a quarter of a century. When completed this transportation facility will provide a four-lane freeway across northern Illinois from Chicago to the Galena area. Segments have been constructed from Chicago to Freeport and we are now planning the final section from Freeport to Galena.

Enclosed you will find a copy of an interim report on archaeological surveys to date for this Freeport to Galena section of U.S. 20. Multi-year archaeological surveys have been conducted over some 4,000 acres of the total area of the combined corridors, that is, about half of the total acreage involved. Since multiple, large corridors are being considered, a full-scale survey was not economically feasible or prudent. Accordingly, a phased program of archaeological survey has been conducted.

The first segment of the project area, from the west side of Freeport to just beyond the town of Stockton, is a single alignment and has been intensively surveyed. This area of relatively flat glacial till plain was apparently used primarily in the prehistoric past as hunting territories since the sites found in this corridor are light scatters of chipped stone confined to the plowed surface deposits. None of these sites appear to have subsurface deposits and are not likely to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

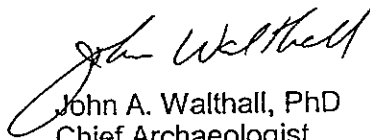
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which appear to have the potential as historic properties eligible for the National Register. We will attempt to avoid any significant sites found. If significant prehistoric habitation sites are found which cannot be avoided we will coordinate the adverse impacts as outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We are seeking your comments on this project and the survey work carried out to date. We will keep you informed of the progress of the cultural resources program associated with this highway improvement and we look forward to cooperating with your tribe concerning these historic preservation activities in Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



John A. Walthall, PhD  
Chief Archaeologist  
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May 23, 2000

Mr. Mathew Cleveland  
Chair  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 687  
Winnebago, NE 68071

Dear Mr. Cleveland,

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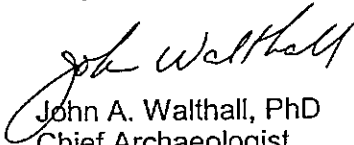
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CONCUR *MBE*

March 7, 2000

Stephenson and JoDaviess Counties  
FAP 301/US 20  
Freeport to Galena

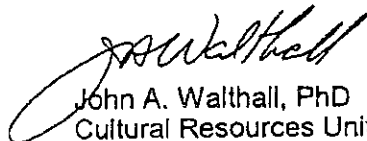
Ms. Anne Haaker  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Haaker:

Attached are two copies of a report from the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program concerning the results of survey of some 4000 acres in the project corridor referenced above.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed Illinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that survey work conducted to date has been adequate to locate archaeological sites in high probability areas within the project corridor. Once a final alignment is selected, further surveys will be conducted and a program of site evaluation will be carried out in coordination with your office in order to ascertain if any historic properties subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, will be affected by the proposed construction activities.

Very truly yours,

  
John A. Walthall, PhD  
Cultural Resources Unit

CONCUR

By:   
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 3-8-2000



# Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

August 11, 1999

**Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties  
FAP 301, US 20  
Freeport to Galena**

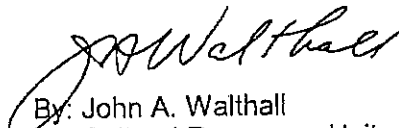
Dr. Mark Esarey  
Chief Archaeologist  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Dr. Esarey,

Attached is a report from the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program which summarizes work to date on the project referenced above. Approximately 47% of the project corridor, some 4,000 acres, has been surveyed. Once an alignment has been selected we will complete the required cultural resources surveys for this proposed highway improvement. A report concerning the results of this survey will be submitted to your office and we will coordinate with your office an appropriate program of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

Very truly yours, ..

William T. Sunley, Engineer of  
Design and Environment

  
By: John A. Walthall  
Cultural Resources Unit



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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February 26, 1998

JoDaviess County  
FAP 301, US 20  
Glacier Shadow Bypass  
Project: P-92-004-92  
Section: 43-1,-2,-3,-4,-5 & 177-1,-2

Mr. William L. Wheeler  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
ATTENTION: Anne Haaker  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Attached is a report from the University of Illinois concerning the results of survey of the 373 acre project area referenced above. No archaeological, architectural, or historic sites were identified within the proposed project rights-of way.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed Illinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no significant historic properties, subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, will be impacted by this project.

Very truly yours,

William Sunley, Engineer of  
Design and Environment

By: John A. Walthall  
Cultural Resources Unit

# CONCUR

By:   
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Date: Feb 26, 98



# Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

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JODAVIESS COUNTY  
FAP 301 / US 20 (Formerly FAP 401)  
Section 93-16110-00-BR  
4-lane, west of Freeport to west of Galena

PLEASE REFER TO:  
IHPA LOG #950821029MJD  
PSAP, 2080 acres, 118 Sites

Sept 30, 1997

Dr. John A. Walthall  
IDOT - Bureau of Location & Environment  
Cultural Resources Unit  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Dear Sir:

Thank you for requesting comments from our office concerning the possible effects of the project referenced above on cultural resources. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

Our staff has reviewed the interim archaeological Phase I reconnaissance report by UI-PSAP performed for the above referenced project. The Phase I survey and assessment of the archaeological resources appear to be adequate. The survey of 2080 acres of the potential corridors resulted in 118 archaeological sites being located during the Phase I survey.

We concur with the recommendations as expressed in Chapter 7 of the report. Unsurveyed areas of the final chosen alignment need to be surveyed. Architectural and historical resources are not evaluated in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mark E. Esarey, Chief Archaeologist at 217/785-4999.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

AEH:MEE

cc: Kevin McGowan, PSAP





# Illinois Department of Transportation

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August 21, 1995

Jo Daviess & Stephenson Counties  
FAP 301/US 20  
(Formerly FAP 401)  
Section: 93-16110-00-BR  
IHPA Log #: 88062703

Mr. William L. Wheeler  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
ATTENTION: Anne Haaker  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
214 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Attached is a report from the University of Illinois concerning the results of survey of some 2000 acres of alternate corridors for the project area referenced above. Survey will continue this fall on the new northern corridor. Dr. John Vogel has begun documentary and field research for standing architectural structures.

Later this year we will schedule a meeting with District personnel and the consultant so that coordination in compliance with the Historic Preservation Act may proceed in a timely fashion.

Very truly yours,

Gary Gould, Engineer of  
Location and Environment

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'John A. Walthall'.

By: John A. Walthall  
Cultural Resources Unit